



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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OPEN SESSION

MINUTES of

January 6, 2014

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOS – James F. Simpson, Jr., former Rockland Selectman
U.S. Marine Sergeant Daniel M. Vasselian of Abington

NOTE: Selectman Michael Johnson was away on business and was not present during the entirety of this meeting.

Chairman Kimball read:

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OPEN FORUM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. License Renewal – J & C Transportation

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

2. Open Town Warrants

~MOTION to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and have it remain open until March 12, 2014 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

3. Annual Snow & Ice Deficit Approval.

~MOTION to approve deficit spending for snow and ice removal by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 3-0-1(O'Brien)

Chairman:

Edward F. Kimball

Vice Chairman:

Deborah A. O'Brien

Selectmen:

Lawrence J. Chaffee

Michael P. Johnson

Larry J. Ryan

Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-State of Emergency January 2-4 Blizzard TA Chiocca commended the Town Hall staff and all Town Employees for their efforts during the storm.

-Town Election nominations papers will be available at the Town Clerk office on January 13, 2014.

-Announce the resignation of Town Moderator Paul Cusick effective January 17, 2014. The BOS accepted the resignation with regret and wishes of future good fortune for Mr. Cusick.

-Annual Town Report submissions from all town boards, committees, and departments are due in January. Please use "Times New Roman 12 font, and not done in all upper case letters.

-Reminded all Rockland residents the All night and snow event Parking Ban has been in effect since December 1, 20013 and until further notice.

-Beech Street Solar Project is now on line and there is an on-line link to monitor the daily output of the solar field.

-The first \$43,000 of the Green Community Grant is being used to upgrade and replace lighting fixtures at the DPW, Library and Wastewater Treatment plant.

-Emergency Management Update. We are in the process of developing a plan to go forward after the passing of Jay Simpson and will have a report to the BOS within the next few meetings.

-Read a Thank You from the Town of Norwell to the Rockland Fire Department and Town for helping to cover the Norwell Fire Department during funeral services for one of Norwell's long serving firefighters.

-McGee V. Rockland- Motion to vacate judgment is denied. TA Chiocca reported the court has again ruled in favor of the Town of Rockland and that to date the Town has not lost a single case to Mr. McGee's frequent filings.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 7:15 pm Hearing Sterling Golf- All Alcohol, Common Vic, and Entertainment

~MOTION to open the hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

Kevin Osgood President of Sterling Golf Management appeared before the BOS for the license at the Rockland Golf Course.

~MOTION to close the hearing by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0

~MOTION to approve the All Alcohol, Common Vic, and Entertainment Licenses by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

Note:

-Additional discussion took place regarding Emergency Management planning with a recommendation being made to the BOS by March 1, 2014.

-Also discussion took place regarding procedures and possible reimbursements.

5. 7:30 pm Hearing Community Block Grants

~MOTION to open the public hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee

Wayne Darragh of Community Opportunities Group appeared to discuss the town's annual Community Block Grant proposal. Mr. Darragh explained the process and possible refinements to Rockland's request in hopes of gaining funding. The BOS discussed options and suggestions at length.

The BOS requested to amend items #9 and #13 in the proposal

~MOTION to continue to hearing until the next meeting 1.21.14 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball read:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

**Mr. Ryan -Wished everyone Happy Holidays
 -Solar Project looks great
 -Please be careful on the ice, ponds may not be safe yet**

**Mr. Chaffee -Please check on neighbors during the cold weather.
 -Thanked Blue Cross/Blue Shield for their donations of food baskets to Veterans and widows for the Christmas Holiday.
 -Discussed a scholarship to help recipients to participate in sport programs.**

Ms. O'Brien -Announced a fund raiser at Fenway Park to benefit Veterans.

**Mr. Kimball -Condolences to the Simpson and Vasselian Families.
 -Carefully on the icy roads.
 -Encouraged participation in the Town elections.
 -Southfield continues to be a concern worth watching.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION for
27. Firefighter Grievance
28. On-going Litigation

~MOTION to go into Executive Session not to reconvene by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed by Roll Call vote 4-0.

Open Session ended at 8:00 p.m.


Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator


Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Next regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday January 21, 2014.